



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: WDFW CHANNEL CATFISH STOCKING INTO I-82 PONDS, YAKIMA COUNTY.

Description of Proposal: Approximately 50,000 8 – 11-inch channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) will be purchased from a fish grower and delivered to two WDFW fish hatcheries. From there, they will be trucked by WDFW personnel to lakes across the state and stocked into those lakes to create recreational fishing opportunity. I-82 Pond 1 and 2 will be two of those lakes.

Proponent/Applicant:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Location of Proposal: I-82 Pond 1 and 2: Yakima County; Section 35, Township 12N, Range 19 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by July 18, 2011

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: July 1, 2011 **SIGNATURE:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Zeigler".

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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